

MINUTES OF THE COWETA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2014 7:00 P.M.

The members of the Coweta City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at Coweta City Hall, 310 South Broadway, Coweta, Oklahoma.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Morton, Billy Embrey, Roy Dale, Timothy Kelley, Steve Garman.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Whitlock, David Weatherford, Joyce Terry, Tom Tillotson, Rob Werley, Chip Cohrs, Greg Collins, Tom Young, Doug Black, Mike Bell, Paula Emmons.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morton.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance given.
- III. Roll call taken. Councilmembers present and absent as shown above.
- IV. GENERAL CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Dale complimented staff involved in the downtown market and thanked them for all their effort on this project.

City Manager Steve Whitlock introduced newly hired Police Chief Mike Bell, and stated that he feels fortunate and blessed to have Chief Bell who is replacing Chief Derrick Palmer who is retiring. Mr. Whitlock also recognized newly promoted Assistant Police Chief Doug Black.

V. CONSENT

Motion by Roy Dale, second by Timothy Kelley, to approve consent calendar items:

1. Minutes of the Coweta City Council Special Meeting held on July 1, 2014.
2. July 2014 payroll for the General Fund in the amount of \$240,576.66, and \$361.55 for the Self-Insurance Fund.
3. The reappointment of Carter Mathews to the Coweta Planning Commission, for a term ending on August 4, 2017.

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4. The reappointment of Joanna Jones to the Coweta Board of Adjustment, for a term ending on August 4, 2017.
5. Authorization for the City Manager to sign a 2014 Holiday Shop Coweta contract with the Coweta Chamber of Commerce.
6. Declaration of surplus on the following Coweta Public Library items and authorize the City Manager to dispose of accordingly: Dell CPU Dimension 4550 (#000201), dark wooden table, 5-drawer wooden office desk, 6 beige fabric wooden-arm chairs, Dell LCD monitor (CN-OY9998-72872-67B-OUKL), Nikon Coolpix S3000 camera (#000591), black-rimmed wall clock, wooden 3-shelf bookcase and black metal projector screen.
7. Declaration of surplus on a 2004 Sterling trash truck (VIN#2FZHCHDC44N11429) and a Leach 2RIII packer (ID#30258) and authorize the City Manager to dispose of accordingly.
8. Authorization for the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 2014-21, a resolution of the City of Coweta, Oklahoma, casting a vote for Mike Nunneley as one Trustee of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OKMRF) to fill the expiring term of Trustee At-Large.

Aye: Steve Garman
Roy Dale
Timothy Kelley
Billy Embrey
Robert Morton

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Morton presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Phil Roland for his thirty-one years of volunteer service as Chairman of the Coweta Planning Commission. Mayor Morton and City Manager Steve Whitlock complimented Mr. Roland on his leadership and common sense approach while serving on the Planning Commission, and also said they looked forward to continuing to work together on Mr. Roland's upcoming development projects. They mentioned Mr. Roland's family donation of Roland Park to the City, and the many development projects that have benefitted the City of Coweta.

Discussion held regarding possible action on an update on Councilmember Dale's and Greg Collins' tour of a Texas company specializing in sculptures similar to the one that was installed at the Coweta Public Library. Mr. Collins reviewed the sculptures available at the ASI Art and Antiques Company, advised that they saw hundreds of pieces, and that the City would be able to purchase at the wholesale price rather than retail which would be approximately 50% savings. Mr. Collins suggested that he put together a packet showing an example of sculptures available, so that Councilmembers can choose items they like, they can identify possible locations for the sculptures, and then have further discussion at a future Council meeting. Vice-Mayor Embrey stated that he does not like the idea of having a single theme throughout the City, but would prefer selecting sculptures that would fit the location, such as the piece at the Library has children reading, which is appropriate for that location, but he doesn't think that theme would be appropriate at all locations. Councilmember Garman asked if there was a website to look at the pieces, and City Manager Whitlock advised he would provide the website address to Council in the weekly informational packet. After Council has time to look at the website, they will provide information to the City Manager on the items they prefer, and Mr. Collins will then include those selections in the packet to all Councilmembers for further consideration.

Discussion held regarding possible action on an update on the current water and wastewater capital improvement projects. City Engineer Chip Cohrs provided the update, and advised that there are a couple of issues they are dealing with such as the backwash valve was not operating properly but has been replaced, and the process waste pumps both have bent shafts. Mr. Cohrs advised that he is meeting with the contractor and design engineers tomorrow to discuss the bent shafts, what might have caused it, and what the repairs will be. He also advised that new supports for the rapid mix basins are being installed. Vice-Mayor Embrey asked how much closer are we to using the new plant, and Mr. Cohrs advised that water is not being produced now because of the pumps, but once repaired will be able to. He further advised that some tie-ins still need to be done as well.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Motion by Billy Embrey, second by Timothy Kelley, to go into Executive Session.

Aye: Steve Garman
Roy Dale
Timothy Kelley
Billy Embrey
Robert Morton

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VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussions held related to a pending claim and claims related to new water customers involving Rural Water District No. 5 v. City of Coweta, in accordance with 25 O.S. § 307, B(4).

Mayor Morton announced that the Council was back in open meeting at 8:44 p.m.

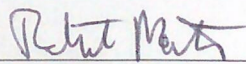
Motion by Robert Morton, second by Steve Garman, to allow the City Attorney to draft an agreement for the City to pay Rural Water District No. 5 \$1,000 per lot, in the Sugarhill Subdivision.

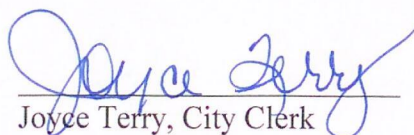
Aye: Steve Garman
Roy Dale
Timothy Kelley
Robert Morton

Nay: Billy Embrey

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morton adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.


Robert Morton, Mayor


Joyce Terry, City Clerk

